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Public Hearing for Categorical Use Attainability Analysis for Recreation

The Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality/Water Quality Division (WDEQ/WQD) will hold a public hearing to accept verbal and written comments and supporting information regarding its designation of Wyoming streams for secondary contact recreation as described in its final [Categorical Use Attainability Analysis for Recreation](#) (Categorical UAA). A copy of the Categorical UAA is available at <http://deq.wyoming.gov/wqd/surface-water-quality-standards/resources/uaas/>. The hearing will be held on September 16, 2015 from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM in the auditorium of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, Basko Building, 2211 King Boulevard, Casper, Wyoming.

The designation of streams in the state for secondary contact recreation is based on WDEQ's technical analysis described in the Categorical UAA (August, 2014). The analysis evaluates whether primary contact recreation (i.e., immersion, full body contact, or frequent use of the water by children) in Wyoming streams are existing or attainable uses. The analysis identifies streams where primary contact recreation uses are non-existent or non-attainable due to: insufficient flow to support immersion or full body contact activities; distance from areas easily accessible to children; and where no supplemental information has been provided to WDEQ/WQD to demonstrate that primary contact recreation is an existing or attainable use. Streams designated for secondary contact recreation can be accessed using a [web map](#) or by downloading Geographic Information Systems files from WDEQ's website at <http://deq.wyoming.gov/wqd/surface-water-quality-standards/resources/uaas/>.

The public is invited to provide oral and written comments and/or documentation regarding the existing and potential recreation activities on streams designated for secondary contact recreation

as described in the Categorical UAA. Documentation provided should be sufficient for WDEQ/WQD to confirm whether primary contact recreation is an existing or attainable use, or not, on a particular stream. Such information may include photographs, flow data, and other information at the level of detail described in the worksheets contained in Appendix C of the Categorical UAA. Modification of a surface water designation established in the Categorical UAA will require the presentation of information sufficient to identify: (1) the location of the stream (e.g., latitude and longitude, object ID provided in the web map, etc.) and (2) the existing and potential recreational activities associated with the stream, given the physical condition of the stream.

Members of the public attending the hearing will be asked to sign-in at the registration desk. Those wishing to speak will be provided a speaker number at the sign-in desk. Speakers must be present at the hearing to obtain a speaker number. Speakers will be called in sequential order to provide their oral testimony and any associated documentation to the hearing officer. Speakers will be asked to keep their initial comments to 10 minutes in order to provide sufficient time for all interested parties to provide comments and/or documentation. Any remaining time will be allocated for additional comments from speakers who were unable to provide all of their comments within the initial 10-minute period allocated to them. Submission of written comments is not required. All oral testimony, written comments, and documentation provided during the public hearing to the hearing officer will become part of the official public record.

Questions regarding the Categorical UAA can be directed to David Waterstreet at 307-777-6709 or david.waterstreet@wyo.gov.

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